



Collier's Closing Hits OPCers Overseas

Two veteran foreign correspondents, both OPCers, were seriously affected by the closing of *Collier's* and *Woman's Home Companion* two weeks ago. They are *Peter Kalischer* in Tokyo and *David Douglas Duncan* in Rome.

The Crowell-Collier Publishing Co. announced on Dec. 14 that it would discontinue publication of the magazines effective with the issues on the newsstands Dec. 21.

Kalischer and Duncan have not yet announced their plans since the closing of the company.

When Duncan, a former *Life* staffer, signed his contract with the Crowell-Collier Publishing Co., newspapers reported that his salary was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year.

Kalischer and Duncan are only two of the many foreign staffers on the magazines who are affected. Hundreds of free-lance writers and photographers will be finding new buyers for their work.

A number of OPCers are among Stateside personnel involved. Among them are *Cornelius Ryan*, associate editor of *Collier's* and chairman of the OPC Dinner Committee; *Walter Davenport*, a member of the *Overseas Press Bulletin* Committee, associate editor of *Collier's* and one of the magazines most famous and oldest employees - in terms of service; and *Lawrence G. Blochman*, OPC Vice-President and contributor to *Collier's* for many years. Ryan estimates approximately 800 people in New York alone are affected by the closing of the publications.

The Crowell-Collier special placement bureau for relocating its employees received within 5 days offers from over 200 companies willing to interview its personnel.

When the closing of the magazines was announced, the OPC offered immediately the use of its Placement Committee.

OPC President *Wayne Richardson* and Vice President *Cecil Brown* were instructed by the Board of Governors Dec. 21 to make inquiry into the situation of foreign correspondents affected by the closing.



STAN SWINTON

OPC Stan Swinton Accepts New AP Post

Stan Swinton, AP chief of bureau for Italy, has been appointed general news editor of the AP's expanding world service.

Swinton will act in the newly-created post as supervisor of production of the news report for distribution abroad.

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Happy New Year!

COLLECT CABLE BAN IN MEXICO PROTESTED

TO BE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

The Freedom of the Press Committee of the OPC has formally protested Mexico's forthcoming ban on collect messages to the U.S.

The Club cabled Mexican President Ruiz Cortines on Dec. 18:

"The Overseas Press Club of America, representing 1,600 foreign correspondents covering all countries of the world, wishes to strongly protest the action of your director of international service of telegraphos nacionales, who has informed foreign correspondents in Mexico they will be unable to exercise the traditional right to file collect messages payable by their newspapers after Jan. 1, 1957.

"This is a basic right of journalists recognized in all major countries of the world and its retraction by Mexico will be an infringement of freedom of the press. We are certain that you are unaware of this threat and that steps can be taken to correct it."

The cable was signed by President *Wayne Richardson* and *Victor Lasky*, chairman of the committee.

In a memo to foreign news desks in New York, *Bill Baldwin* of the Club's Public Relations Committee, pointed out that the action would "work a particular hardship on traveling press representatives, and those representing other than the major news agencies which largely have their own facilities."

As this edition went to press, the Mexican Ministry of Communications announced in the Mexican press that it would continue to accept collect messages from foreign correspondents.)

Club Calendar

Mon., Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party - *Reveillon a Paris*. Music, dancing, buffet supper, etc. 9:30 p.m. Reservations, \$6.00 per person. Three guests.

Tues., Jan. 15 - Regional Dinner: *Korean Evening*. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$3.50. (Subscription Series No. 2 valid.)

PEOPLE & PLACES...

Joseph Rosapepe now with Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio; formerly with Dudley-Anderson; Yutzy...Douglas Williams of the *London Daily Telegraph* flying into New York this month...Arthur Reef's "International Public Relations" piece in December *Exporter's Digest*...A. Wilfred May, executive editor of the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, moderated a meeting on "Our Future in this Atomic World," with Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission as guest speaker, at the Harmonie Club Dec. 29.

Bill and Ann Carnahan (he's correspondent for *Wall Street Journal* and stringer for *Time*; she's free-lancing) are in from Rome and will be at the Wyndham Hotel until middle of January...George A. McDonald and Leonard L. Davis, Jr., have been elected vice presidents of Gartley & Associates, Inc.. Norbert Muhlen left for Europe on magazine and newspaper syndicate assignments.

NAT'L PRESS CLUB ELECTS GRANT

The National Press Club's new president is Ben J. Grant, assistant executive editor of *U.S. News and World Report*.

Other NPC officers elected were: John V. Horner, *Washington Star*, vice president; John P. Cosgrove, Broadcasting-Telecasting, and William H. Lawrence, *New York Times*, board of governors (three-year terms); George Cullen, Bureau of National Affairs, secretary; Pat Munroe, *Salt Lake City Deseret News*, board of governors (one-year term); William O. Varn, AP, treasurer; and Bryson Rash, NBC, secretary.

Jessie Stearns

FORMAN BACK IN NEW YORK

Irwin Forman, editor in chief of McGraw-Hill International's *Ingenieria Internacional-Construccion*, is back in New York from visits to Mexico and Guatemala.

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LOWELL THOMAS, JR.

Lowell Thomas, Jr., who recently returned from a year-long, 50,000-mile "dream" trip with his wife, Tay. They flew to Africa, the Middle East and Asia in a single-engine Cessna. The couple will narrate their trip, recorded on color film, Jan. 16, at 8:30 p.m. in Carnegie Hall. He is the son of OPCer Lowell Thomas.

BONN FOREIGN PRESS ASS'N CALLS OFF ANNUAL BANQUET

Because of the crisis in Hungary, the Foreign Press Association in Bonn, Germany, called off its annual banquet and contributed 300 Deutsche Marks for Hungarian relief.

The Bonn German Journalists' Association went ahead with its scheduled press ball because it was too late to cancel the event. But President Theodor Heuss, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and other top government officials decided at the last minute not to attend.

Joseph W. Grigg

GARCIA IN SOUTH AMERICA

Lou Garcia, Panagra's Director of Public Relations, left Dec. 21 on a flying trip to Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia to distribute Christmas gifts to South American orphans.

Gerald Schroder, McGraw-Hill World News bureau chief for Germany is scheduled for a visit to the U.S. from Bonn in February on home leave.

Campbell Dies at 52

The sudden death on Dec. 18 of Charles H. Campbell, Director of the British Information Services in Washington, was a shock to many OPCers.

Campbell, who was 52, died in Knoxville, Tenn., after he became ill while driving from Washington to New Orleans to spend the holidays.

He was sometimes called Britain's "unofficial ambassador" to the United States. He served under five Ambassadors. His job was to make known to the American press the British point of view on international matters.

Born in New Orleans, he started his newspaper career with the *New Orleans Item* in 1923. He was born, and remained a British subject throughout his life.

Campbell began service to the British government in 1942 when he became First Secretary of the British Embassy in charge of information. Later he organized and headed the British Information Service.

He was made an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in King George VI's birthday honors list in 1949.

In Washington, James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said of Campbell: "I think all of us who have worked with Charlie admired and respected him. He was one of the best information officers I ever worked with, and I'm sure the entire Washington press corps would agree with that. He will be greatly missed in the nation's capital."

STAN SWINTON (Continued from page 1)

Allan Jacks, AP chief of bureau at Istanbul, will replace Swinton in Rome.

Swinton joined the AP in 1940. From 1941 to 1945 he covered military campaigns in North Africa, Italy and southern France for *Stars and Stripes*. In 1945 he was appointed chief of AP bureau in Singapore, went to Cairo as bureau chief in 1949, and helped cover the Korean war in 1950. He has been bureau chief in Rome since June, 1951.

Paul Sanders will assist Swinton as news editor of the AP's Latin-American service.

Webb McKinley of the Rome staff will succeed Allan Jacks in Istanbul.

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NORWEGIAN GUESTS ENJOY A CHAT AT THE OPC CHRISTMAS PARTY



Ann Meuer

Joseph C. Peters chairman of the Regional Dinners Committee, joins Norway's permanent delegate to the UN Hans Engen, Minister of Commerce Arne Skaug, and Ambassador to Canada Arne Gunning in a lively chat over cocktails preceding the Norwegian Christmas dinner Dec. 18.

Scandinavian Dignitaries Grace Club Dec. 18

Norway's Minister of Commerce, Arne Skaug, and permanent UN delegate, Hans Engen, were guests at the Club's Norwegian Christmas party Dec. 18.

Other guests of honor included Arne

Gunning, Norway's Ambassador to Canada; Consul General and Mrs. Thor Brodtkorb; the President of the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce, Rolf Westad, and his wife, and Bjor Jensen, Press Attache of the Norwegian UN Delegation.

The event, arranged by Joseph C. Peters and his Regional Dinners Committee, featured reindeer steak, aquavit and other Norse delicacies.

Lively Norwegian tunes, played by Accordionist Jean Schroder, and Norwegian Christmas carols formed the background to the goodwill reception and dinner. The festivities were completed with the showing of a film of the Oslo Ballet.

HANGEN NEW NBC CHIEF IN CAIRO

Welles Hangen has been appointed NBC bureau chief in Cairo, it was announced last week. He replaces Wilson Hall, who returned to the States due to illness.

Hangen is former *N.Y. Times* correspondent in Moscow. He was recently expelled from Russia by Soviet authorities.

UP'S MEEHAN TO BUDAPEST

Jack Meehan has replaced UP's Russell Jones in Budapest, the UP announced this week.

Jones was expelled by the Communist government of Hungary Dec. 5.

He joins Ilona Nyilas, the UP's resident correspondent.

HUMPHREY SUGGESTS AGENCY IN MIDEAST

SPEAKS BEFORE OPC DEC. 20

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic Senator from Minnesota and a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called for an international agency to aid development in the Middle East. He was a guest of the OPC at a luncheon Dec. 20.

One of the delegates to the UN, Senator Humphrey also called for a "clearly defined policy" on which to base U.S. action in the United Nations with regard to Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

His proposal for the establishment of a Middle East Development Authority to give outside assistance "either in the form of capital, technical aid or good offices" to the Middle East countries should be under the auspices of the UN, since most of the problems in the area are international in scope. Further, he suggested that the agency go to work prior to a general political settlement in the area.

Senator Humphrey, in discussing the problem of U.S. policy toward Eastern Europe suggested that "basic overhauling" of the immigration act and provisions for reception of refugees was badly needed. He called for a clear policy with regard to food assistance, suggesting that "every plane" used to bring in refugees should be sent back with food supplies. Immediate placing of technically-trained and skilled Hungarian refugees in the U.S. should take place.

Stating that "revelation of the Soviet oppression in Hungary has increased the chances of the break-down of the Soviet empire," he told the OPC, "now is the time when America should speak not only in terms of good-will, but in terms of definite actions - actions which may involve risks."

When questioned as to the difference between his proposal of "actions which may involve risks" and Sec'y of State John Foster Dulles' "brink of war" policy, as enunciated in *Life* magazine a few months ago, Humphrey responded that Dulles had repeatedly said he was not being a "brink-man." Further, he was proposing a policy of willingness to take risks in foreign action when it seemed necessary.

Humphrey also suggested that the U.S. withdraw its troops from West Germany as part of a new program toward European security. This should be done only if the Soviet Union were to agree to withdraw from East Germany, and if a free, united Germany then became a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, he explained.

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Havana, Cuba:

NEWSMAN'S SEARCH FOR THE REVOLUTION

by David Shefrin

Early this month in Cuba an eerie feeling of revolution did not upset tourists in Havana but it did affect the Cubans. They seemed to be reflecting the caution and uncertainty of a government which permitted no on-the-spot coverage of the revolt in the interior except by two American newsmen who decided to go there - James Cunningham of UP, Washington, and I.

The landing of an eighty-man rebel invasion force close to Niquero on the southeast coast had been accompanied by a lot of shooting in the country's second city, Santiago de Cuba, and by demonstrations elsewhere.

The Government announced arrests across Cuba and dispatched troops to the area, but otherwise seemed not to be sure of what was happening, or at least left the people feeling that way.

Secret Wedding

The fear of a possible widespread revolution following the invasion brought out heavily armed soldiers and police to patrol the streets. Cuba's president, General Fulgencio Batista, saw his son married in secret on Sunday. Machine guns ringed the old Cathedral Square site of the wedding. Everyone but guests and residents was chased from the historic square where Columbus supposedly was buried. Newspapers did not print the wedding story -- a highlight of the Havana social season -- until two days later.

Such was the feeling in the Cuban capital the week Cunningham and I set out for the interior to find the revolution, if possible.

Shortly after dawn on "Duelo," Cuba's national holiday commemorating her past revolutionary heroes, we flew from Havana about 500 miles east to Santiago. There we called on the American Consul, then made our way through streets jammed with soldiers -- smartly uniformed men with M-1 carbines who kept asking, "How are things in Havana?" -- and on to Army headquarters for Oriente Province.

No Cuban correspondents had been allowed at the scene of the alleged revolt. So we thought a good way to begin our attempt would be to see the Commanding General.

The Brigadier General

In Cuban fashion, we had to wait more than an hour in an anteroom, although we had made an appointment by telephone. Finally, it was our turn. Brigadier General Martin Diaz Tomayo greeted us standing in front of his desk - a tall, graying man with a small moustache, soft spoken and gracious.

The general said the revolutionaries would be cleaned up in five days, and that the only contact since the landing when they were bombed had just occurred.

The General Prepared

But General Diaz Tomayo seemed to be prepared for worse. Behind his desk next to a mimeograph machine were sprawled a dozen rifles and submachine guns. A sleeping cot stood by the general's warboard, spread with maps. At the other end of the office more guns were disarrayed on a couch. The general said everything was under control and would we like letters of identity for our trip? So we got what we wanted without asking, with a small exception.

Diaz Tomayo's letters directed us to Colonel Ramon Cruz Vidal, operational commander. But they said we were to go only to the city of Manzanillo where all the Cuban correspondents had been bottled up so far. We still would have to find a way to get through to Niquero, where operations against the rebels were centered.

The trip to Niquero was interrupted by uncertain border guards who insisted on examining our papers. The general's signature and seal, Cunningham's bright Spanish and my broken line of talk got us through.

It was almost dark as we pulled into Niquero in front of the *jefatura*, in ordinary times the police station. Six riflemen jumped out from the building, weapons first, demanding to know who we were. Well practiced by now, we

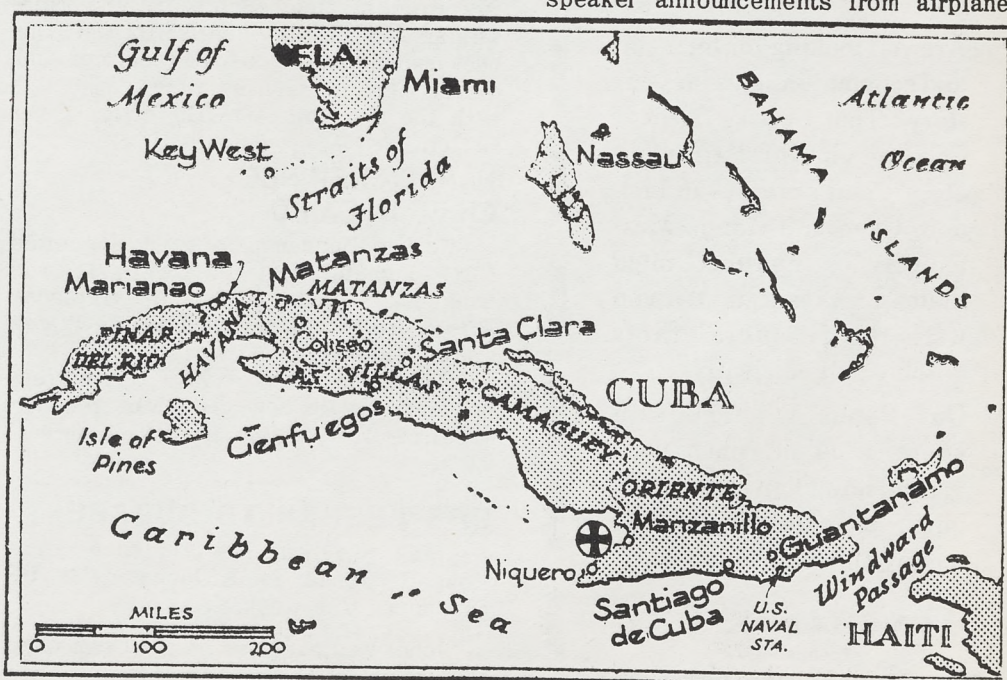
thrust out our letters and shouted in effect: "Take us to your chief!"

The Colonel Receives

They did. We were marched into a house. A knock on a door and it was opened. We stepped into a bedroom, and found six men in American Army fatigues, four of them holding rifles, two others with Thompson submachine guns slung on their arms. They formed a semi-circle around a bed. On it was stretched the figure of a stocky, gray haired man wearing tropical worsted army trousers and a silk undershirt: Colonel Ramon Cruz Vidal, the commander.

The general's letter wasn't enough. They demanded other papers. An aide took my CBS News identity card and Cunningham's White House press pass and made note of each in a ledger. No one spoke English in answer to our query.

Colonel Cruz Vidal sat up on the bedside and motioned us into chairs nearby. I took out a map from a previous day's Havana newspaper. It was a big help. He talked. Seventy-three heavily-armed rebels were hiding in a dense palm jungle atop the Sierra Maestra Mountains. A thousand men of the Cuban Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force were surrounding the area. He had just arrived that morning to take command. What would he do next? He was waiting for the "right moment" to take action. Meantime, surrender leaflets would be dropped on the rebels the next day and they would be told to give up by loud-speaker announcements from airplanes.



The New York Times

Dec. 3, 1956

Rebels landing on the Cuban coast (cross) were wiped out.

The Air Force could not bomb the rebels. They could not be sighted in the jungle.

Now, said the colonel's aide, we would have to go. Cunningham left to return to Manzanillo. The manager of a sugar plantation, the Niquero Central, agreed to put me up for the night in his rambling Spanish-style house. He was Senor Rafael Vilasuso, who once had lived in New York as a naturalized American during a past Cuban revolution when he was not in favor.

The People's Revolt?

As the curfew fell on Niquero we sat on his veranda overlooking a garden. The Army was being awfully slow, he said. His four thousand sugar workers provided him with the best information and this revolution was ridiculous. It was not supported by the people on the 66,000 acre plantation which he managed. The rebels, led by 29-year-old Fidel Castro, got ashore with automatic weapons and radio equipment. They could be easily wiped out but the Army hesitates. He had, he said, lived through all of Cuba's modern history, from the day he had seen the battleship Maine blow up in the harbor of Havana February 15, 1898. And revolutions never made sense. Only people not responsible for anything worked at them.

The next day I was to get the other side of the coin from a girl home from the university -- classes were cancelled because of the revolution -- who was anxious to tell me, "The government is strong, like a rock. But like a rock the water will wash it away in time." And an airline pilot later insisted that Americans be told "We are fighting for freedom in Cuba, like the Hungarians."

Covering the Revolution

I was also to be disappointed the next morning by the Cuban Army. Appearing 45 minutes early for my 7:00 picture-taking date, I found my "friend," the major, piling into a jeep with the colonel, yelling at me to "take it easy" as they sped away.

Alone and without any official help I made my way south of the town - forbidden land - to the Army headquarters there.

The day was saved by the sudden, unexpected arrival of General Diaz Tomayo who had told us in Santiago he would not be going to the operations area. He smiled and posed for pictures at the air strip conferring with his commanders. But he refused permission for anything more. The uncertain army surrounding the rebels still didn't know quite what to do. So I accepted Senor Villasuso's kind offer and flew in his private plane back to Manzanillo, passing over the all quiet rebel area, then by DC-3 to Havana.

The War Ends

Back in Havana a day later, word came that the general's arrival finally had sparked some army activity. Am-

bushes had been set at three water holes in the rebel area and a number of rebels who grew thirsty were captured or shot. A number of others stayed in the palm jungle, however. And a week later, back in New York, the word was that the Batista government had officially declared military action at an end in the Niquero region and the special troop units had been withdrawn to Havana.

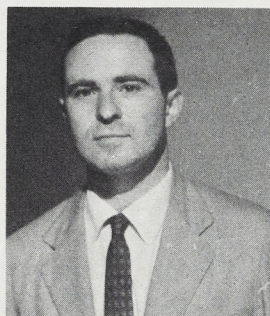
Apparently a number of the rebel invaders escaped into the countryside, where no doubt they found sympathizers ready to hide them until time for another try.

One unsolved mystery is the whereabouts of Fidel Castro, believed to have led the revolutionary expedition from Mexico where he had been in exile from Cuba. First reported dead, later said by the general to be in command of the rebels in the Sierra Maestra jungle, no one really knows yet what has become of Fidel Castro and his revolution.

In this case, the Cuban government seemed lucky enough. It publicly shut its eyes to the revolution and successfully wished it away when there turned out to be no general uprising or other invasions following the landing by eighty madmen at Niquero.

(Reports from Cuba as the Bulletin went to press tell of sporadic terrorism throughout Cuba and continuing search by the Army for the missing rebel chief Fidel Castro.)

OPC'er David Shefrin has been a Senior Writer for Television, CBS News since 1952. He was with ABC-TV as News and Special Events Writer for two years prior to his present assignment, and worked as ABC string correspondent in Scandinavia in 1951.



DAVID SHEFRIN

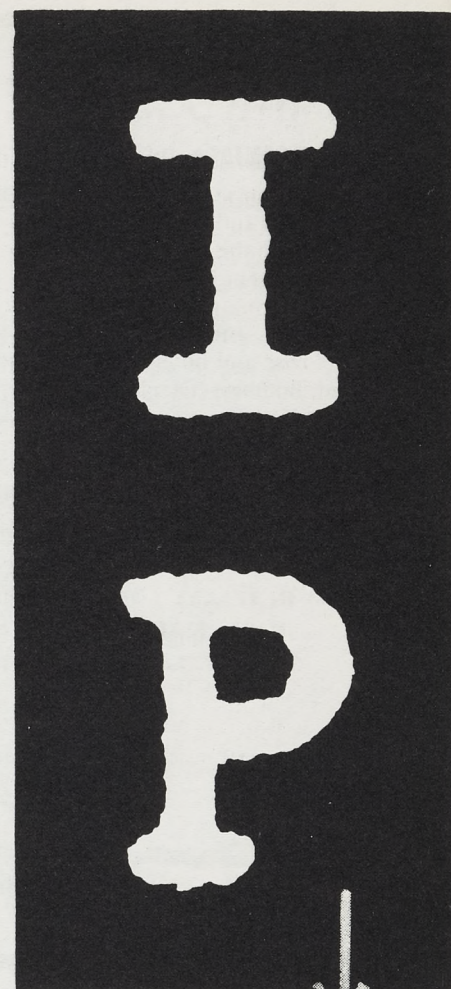
Shefrin also worked in free-lance documentary film production in Scandinavia and Germany in 1951.

He has worked with the AP and Life magazine in New York.

He is a former News broadcaster for Station KFRU in Columbia, Mo.; reporter for the Columbia (Mo.) Daily Tribune, and instructor at the University of Mississippi School of Journalism.

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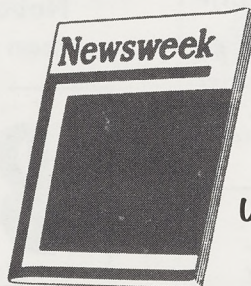
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TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer A. Wilfred May reported to the Board of Governors at its meeting Dec. 21 that financial results for November show a net deficiency of \$74.

He announced that Club business was good, food and beverage sales continuing the increased sales registered in the previous months.

May also reported that, to date, 312 persons have signed up for the credit system.

NEWS FROM ROME

Ed Hill, editor of Rome's English language, *Daily American*, has been elected president of Rome's American Men's Club, of which retiring Ambassador Clare Booth Luce has been the honorary president. Mrs. Luce just possibly hinted at what may be at least part of her future interests recently when she was feted by Rome newsmen whom she addressed "as colleagues," and then added, "who knows, I may be one of you again."

Mrs. Barrett McGurn and children off for Vienna, Austria, for a Christmas vacation with husband Barrett McGurn, Mediterranean correspondent for New York's *Herald Tribune*. He has been and still is too busy to get any time off to come to Rome.

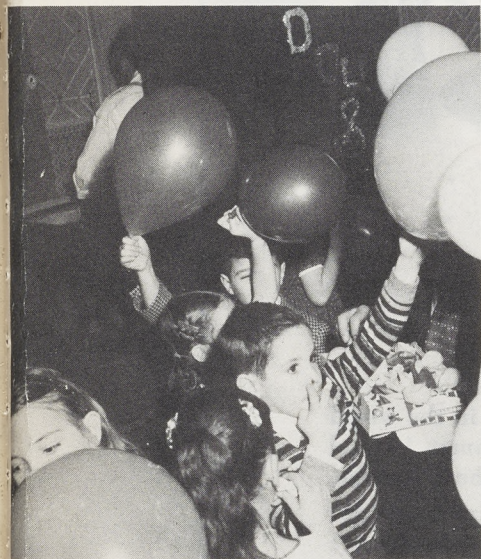
Through the "Eternal City" enroute here and there, AP's News Analyst Bill Ryan, Paris-bound after a Middle-East stint of interpretives. Spike Claasens, of AP, New York, and others -- among them Milton Marmor, London -- in Rome for brief rests enroute to home base from the Melbourne Olympics. *Frank Brutto*

OPC Given Over To The Younger Generation At Christmas Party Dec. 19



Ann Meuer

The magician's wondrous bag of tricks entrances three tots who gather 'round to discuss the hows and whys. Morton Kauffman's son, on left, holds Punch and Judy marionette; the little girl (upper left) examines a new toy.



Ann Meuer

The balloon-blowing contest (here the children hold their balloons up high for examination) netted the prize of Countess Lydia Tolstoi's new children's book, *The Enchanted Garden*. Five of the books were given as prizes.

OPCers SHARE BYLINE

Helen Zotos and Boleslaw Wierzbianski shared a magazine byline in the Dec. 16 issue of *The American Weekly*. Their article, "I Tore Down the Red Flag," summed up highlights of the Poznan, Poland "bread and freedom" uprising -- the spark that touched off the revolt of the satellites against Russia.

Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo was elected treasurer of the recently organized Cuban Press Club of New York.



Ann Meuer

Ice cream, cookies and Coke kept the children busy. This little boy is receiving instructions from his mother on how to pour his coke.

WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENTS

Ralph Hilton, career diplomat and one-time newspaperman, leaves for his new assignment in Asuncion, Paraguay, early in January via New York. He has been Public Affairs Adviser to the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs.

Joining him at the same post as Political Officer will be Albert E. Carter, also a career diplomat and former Tennessee newspaperman. Both have had extensive Latin American experience.



Ann Meuer

Placement Committee Chairman Spencer Valmy's son, Peter, tries to reach the lovely Christmas decorations in the reception hall.

U.S. NEWSMAN IN RED CHINA

William Worthy, correspondent for the Baltimore news magazine, *Afro-American*, left Canton for Peiping on Christmas Day, according to a Communist report from Canton Wednesday.

Worthy told newsmen in Hongkong Monday, he was going to China for a month's tour in defiance of a State Dep't. ban. He said he is willing to make himself a test case of the State Dep't. ruling that American correspondents cannot accept Communist Chinese visas until all prisoners are released.

He stated he got permission to visit Red China long ago. While a Neiman Fellow at Harvard he wrote a letter to the Communist government saying he would visit China by Christmas time, and got a cable of approval last Sunday.

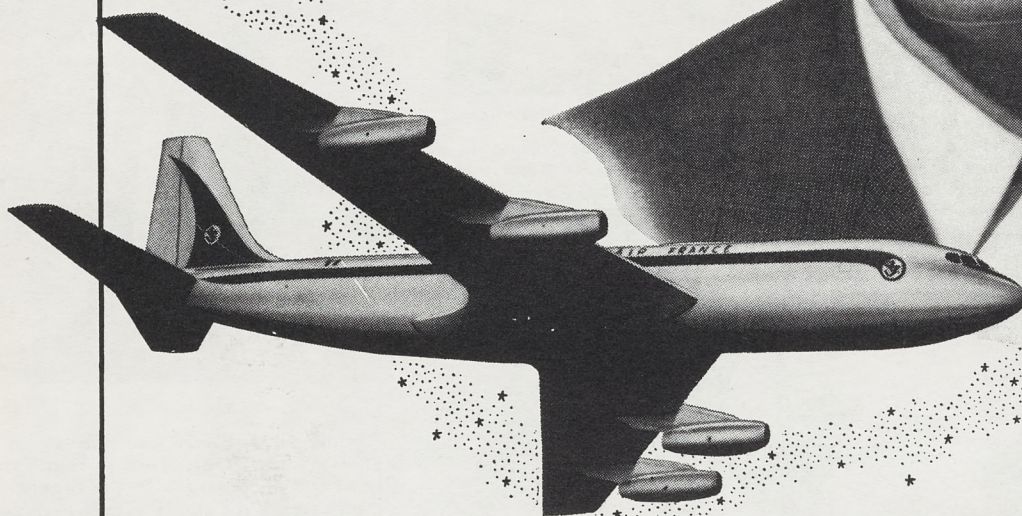
The U.S. State Department's official reaction was given in a brief statement from press officer Joseph Reap. "We deplore it," he said, "It's contrary to expressed policy." Other American officials, who did not wish to be quoted by name, said they feared that Worthy's visit to Red China conceivably could affect the release of Americans held prisoner there.

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